



## Gordon Lee Christenson

July 20, 1937 - October 17, 2023

Christenson, Gordon Lee "Gordie" (Gus), age 86, a longtime Fridley resident, passed away peacefully at his home following a short illness surrounded by family on October 17, 2023. Gordie was a wonderful husband, father, grandpa, great grandpa, uncle and friend. He is survived by his high school sweetheart and beloved wife of 65 years, Carol; children Kimberley (Kenneth) Bruder of Neenah, WI; Todd (Mary) of Forest Lake, MN; Troy (Kathy) of Coon Rapids, MN; Kelly Naegele of Dallas, TX; Trent of Brainerd, MN; along with 14 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. He is also survived by many other family members and friends. He is preceded in death by his brother, Don. Gordie was a lifelong, confirmed member of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fridley, and was instrumental in a large addition to the church in 1985. Gordie is a 1955 graduate of Columbia Heights High School and graduated from Dunwoody Institute as a Registered Land Surveyor. He owned Minnesota Valley Surveyors and Engineers. He was a member of the Minnesota Land Surveyors Association for many years, and served as President for 1 term. He was Surveyor of the Year in 1982. Gordie had a deep respect for those who served our country in the military, and he honored them by being a proud member of The Patriots Guard attending many area military funerals on his motorcycle. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He had never missed an opening deer hunting season from the time he was 12 years old. He enjoyed boating, snowmobiling, spending weekends at the cabin, watching his grandchildren and great grandchildren in all their sports and other activities.

He was a great Dad who took care of, taught, guided, and took time to be involved in the lives of all 5 of his children even when he was working 2 jobs at a time. He will be remembered by many for his generosity and kindness. A Celebration of Life will be held Thursday, November 2, 2023, 11:00am at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 61 Mississippi St NE, Fridley, MN. Visitation will precede the Service from 10:00am-11:00am. In lieu of flowers, please raise a glass with his family and toast Gordie and the life he lived!